

NESCAC Coalition to Ban CPCs

Hi! This is a Gender Studies informed, student-led, and faculty-supported initiative to get the NESCACs to ban Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) advertising and involvement on our campuses and WE NEED YOUR HELP! CPCs in the U.S represent one of the primary branches of the anti-abortion movement. In fact, more volunteer hours and resources are given to CPCs than any other part of the anti-abortion movement. CPCs work every day to manipulate and lie to women, gender queer/non-binary people, and trans men in order to prevent abortions. Some of their popular tactics include the following:

- Posing as real medical facilities or places that offer abortions (when in reality they are religious organizations, not licensed medical facilities) and then collecting the medical/personal information of people who come in.
- Making false claims that abortion will cause infertility, breast cancer, or suicide, all claims that have repeatedly been proven incorrect.
- Performing ultrasounds and lying to women and pregnant people about how far along they are, despite the fact that they are not medical professionals.
- Placing themselves across the street from abortion clinics (to confuse those trying to reach clinics) or using mobile CPCs to target the most vulnerable populations (based on race and class).
- Telling women they offer free baby supplies and then forcing them to attend religious classes to receive them.
- Using geo-fencing to digitally attack and invade the privacy of those in abortion clinic waiting-rooms.

These are only some of the horrifying tactics CPCs utilize. These tactics influence all of us. In fact there are approximately 2,600 CPCs in the U.S. right now and they exist in more than half of U.S. counties. One strategy they use is to advertise on many college campuses. SEVEN out of the 11 NESCAC schools have a CPC in their town, and EVERY NESCAC school has multiple CPCs within 25 miles. However, only ONE college in the country has banned CPC advertising and involvement on their campus. At Middlebury, for example, the local CPC advertises at our student activities fair. In light of the overturning of Roe v. Wade, it is even more essential that we raise awareness about the horrific practices of these centers and demand that our institutions refuse to give them a platform. CPCs stand in direct opposition to a woman or pregnant person's privacy, freedom, self-autonomy, and medical care, and it's time we took them seriously.

We are currently gathering statements of support and signatures from alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, student organizations, academic departments and student governments at ALL NESCAC schools. Every signature and statement will then be sent to the top administrators of all NESCAC schools with a demand that they implement policies banning CPC advertising and involvement on their campuses. Keep your eye out for more direct action involvement opportunities on your campus!

Please contribute your support and spread the word! NOT TAKING ACTION IS NOT AN OPTION.

To LEARN MORE about CPCs as a feminist issue:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NNpkv3Us1I>. (John Oliver, Last Week Tonight)

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/05/12/opinion/crisis-pregnancy-centers-roe.html> (Carly Thomsen, Carrie Baker, and Zach Levitt, The New York Times)



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